

Remarks

This is a preliminary amendment in which the Applicants have canceled claims 1-31, 66-80, 82-126, and 129-135 without prejudice or disclaimer. These claims have been canceled solely to reduce claim fees, and thus have not been canceled for any reasons related to patentability. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims similar or identical to these claims in one or more applications claiming priority to the instant application.

Applicants have also added Figure 2C. This figure is the same as Figure 11B of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/324,064, filed December 18, 2002, which was incorporated in the instant application by reference. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

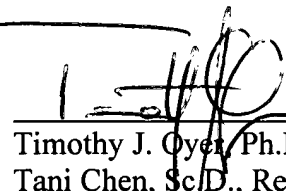
A favorable first Office Action is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at 617-720-3500.

Please charge any fee or fee deficiency occasioned by this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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In the Drawings

Applicants present new Figure 2C. This figure is the same as Figure 11B of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/324,064, filed December 18, 2002, which was incorporated in the instant application by reference. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.